



Small Projects Day – April 7, 2020, Section 2: Resource Specialist Review

Project Name: Goshen Dam Power/Fiber Special Use Permit

A proposed action may be categorically excluded from analysis and documentation in an EA or EIS only if there are no extraordinary circumstances related to that proposed action. Potential presence of extraordinary circumstances must be addressed by the appropriate resource specialists.

EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES RESOURCE CONDITIONS ¹	RESOURCE CONDITIONS PRESENT ²		MITIGATIONS REQUIRED		NAME/ TITLE	DATE	
	YES	NO	YES	NO			
Federally listed threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitat (ANIMALS)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeremy Mears, Fish Biologist	3/22/20	
Level of anticipated effect - Check one <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no effect <input type="checkbox"/> effect – not adverse <input type="checkbox"/> adverse effect							
Rationale:							
Forest Service sensitive Species (RFSS-Animals)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jeremy Mears, Fish Biologist	3/22/20	
Level of anticipated effect - Check one <input type="checkbox"/> no effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> effect – not adverse <input type="checkbox"/> adverse effect							
Rationale: Constructions crews can greatly limit impacts to RFSS amphibians by visually checking the area in advance of cutting or filling.							
Describe Mitigations required: As this project is scheduled for May, please advise construction crews to watch for amphibians while cutting and filling trenches.							
BE Complete-This document serves as the BE.	Y	N	USFWS Consultation Complete? No effect (NLEB)		Y	N	N/A
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date Completed: NA		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Federally listed threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitat (PLANTS)	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Forest Service sensitive Species (RFSS-Plants)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MB Deller/ Botanist	March 25, 2020	
Level of anticipated effect - Check one <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no effect <input type="checkbox"/> effect – not adverse <input type="checkbox"/> adverse effect							
Rationale: None known to occur there and not good potential habitat							
Describe Mitigations required: None							
BE Complete?	Y	N					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Date Completed: March 25, 2020							

¹ FSH 1909.15 Section 30² The mere presence of one or more of these resource conditions does not preclude use of a categorical exclusion. It is the degree of the potential effect of a proposed action on these resource conditions that determines whether extraordinary circumstance exist.



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	YES	NO	YES	NO		
Flood plains	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeremy Mears, Fish Biologist	3/22/20
Level of anticipated effect - Check one <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no effect <input type="checkbox"/> effect – not adverse <input type="checkbox"/> adverse effect Rationale: Describe Mitigations required:						
Wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gifford, Ecologist and Wildlife Biologist	3/30/20
Level of anticipated effect - Check one <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no effect <input type="checkbox"/> effect – not adverse <input type="checkbox"/> adverse effect Rationale: Not present. Describe Mitigations required: None.						
Army Corps of Engineer permit needed?	Y	N				
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Municipal watersheds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeremy Mears, Fish Biologist	3/22/20
Level of anticipated effect - Check one <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no effect <input type="checkbox"/> effect – not adverse <input type="checkbox"/> adverse effect Rationale: Describe Mitigations required:						
Designated Wilderness Areas Wilderness Name: Joseph Battell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Holly Knox/Recreation Program Manager	3/17/2020
Level of anticipated effect - Check one <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no effect <input type="checkbox"/> effect – not adverse <input type="checkbox"/> adverse effect Rationale: Project area located over 0.5 miles from nearest Wilderness (Joseph Battell) Describe Mitigations required:						
Designated National Recreation Areas NRA Name: Moosalamoo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Holly Knox/Recreation Program Manager	3/17/2020
Level of anticipated effect - Check one <input type="checkbox"/> no effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> effect – not adverse <input type="checkbox"/> adverse effect						





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<p>Rationale: Temporary disruption to access and use of recreation amenities (Goshen Dam Trail and Sugar Hill Reservoir), is expected to span no more than a two month period. Activities will not occur over the winter months so no trail closure to the Goshen Dam Trail and the VAST network is required.</p> <p>Describe Mitigations required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure construction activities do not result in closure of the Goshen Dam Trail during the snowmobile season (December 16 – April 15). Post signage at the junction of Forest Road 32 and the Goshen Dam Road to alert the public about limited/prohibited access periods for Sugar Hill Reservoir. 						
National Scenic Trails Trail Name: Appalachian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Holly Knox/Recreation Program Manager	3/17/2020
Level of anticipated effect - Check one <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no effect <input type="checkbox"/> effect – not adverse <input type="checkbox"/> adverse effect Rationale: Project area is located over 15 miles from the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. Describe Mitigations required:						
Eligible Wild, Scenic, Recreational Rivers Type (s) Scenic and Recreational River Name(s) Leicester Hollow Brook	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Holly Knox/Recreation Program Manager	3/17/2020
Level of anticipated effect - Check one <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no effect <input type="checkbox"/> effect – not adverse <input type="checkbox"/> adverse effect Rationale: Project area is located over 1.8 miles from the nearest eligible Wild, Scenic and Recreational River (eWSR): the Leicester Hollow Brook eWSR. The activity is located outside of the river corridor; as a result, the effects from the project associated with the outstandingly remarkable values identified for this river are not expected to be adverse, and thus will not preclude it from future consideration for addition to the National Wild and Scenic River System. Describe Mitigations required:						
Roadless Area Conservation Rule Areas (RACR)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shawn Langston, NEPA Planner	3/16/2020
Level of anticipated effect - Check one <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no effect <input type="checkbox"/> effect – not adverse <input type="checkbox"/> adverse effect Rationale: The project area is not located within a RACR area. Describe Mitigations required:						





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	YES	NO	YES	NO		
Research Natural Areas (RNAs) RNA Name(s) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gifford, Ecologist and Wildlife Biologist	3/30/20
Level of anticipated effect - Check one <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no effect <input type="checkbox"/> effect – not adverse <input type="checkbox"/> adverse effect Rationale: Not present.						
Describe Mitigations required: None.						
American Indians and Alaska Native religious or cultural sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Andrew Triplett/ Tribal Liaison	March 31, 2020
Level of anticipated effect - Check one <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no effect <input type="checkbox"/> effect – not adverse <input type="checkbox"/> adverse effect Rationale:						
Describe Mitigations required:						
Archaeological sites, or historic properties or areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Andrew Triplett/ Forest Archeologist	March 31, 2020
Level of anticipated effect - Check one <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no effect <input type="checkbox"/> effect – not adverse <input type="checkbox"/> adverse effect Rationale:						
Describe Mitigations required:						

OTHER RESOURCE CONDITIONS (as applicable)	RESOURCE CONDITIONS PRESENT		MITIGATIONS REQUIRED		NAME/ TITLE	DATE
	YES	NO	YES	NO		
Soils	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A. Quintana, Soil Scientist	03/18/2020
Level of anticipated effect - Check one <input type="checkbox"/> no effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> effect – not adverse <input type="checkbox"/> adverse effect Rationale: Project design criteria will minimize negative soil impacts.						





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	YES	NO	YES	NO				
Describe Mitigations required:								
Water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeremy Mears, Fish Biologist	3/22/20		
Level of anticipated effect - Check one <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no effect <input type="checkbox"/> effect – not adverse <input type="checkbox"/> adverse effect								
Rationale:								
Describe Mitigations required:								
Visuals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Emily Lauderdale, District Recreation Program Manager	3/25/2020		
Level of anticipated effect - Check one <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no effect <input type="checkbox"/> effect – not adverse <input type="checkbox"/> adverse effect								
Rationale: Most proposed activities would be underground / at ground level with trench digging- unlikely to be noticeable under snow cover from snowmobile trail, and other project activities would not have adverse effects on visual quality objectives.								
Describe Mitigations required:								
Recreation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Holly Knox, Recreation Program Manager	3/17/2020		
Level of anticipated effect - Check one <input type="checkbox"/> no effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> effect – not adverse <input type="checkbox"/> adverse effect								
Rationale: Mitigation measures identified for the National Recreation Area will limit impacts on recreation.								
Describe Mitigations required:								
Fisheries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeremy Mears, Fish Biologist	3/22/20		
Level of anticipated effect - Check one <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no effect <input type="checkbox"/> effect – not adverse <input type="checkbox"/> adverse effect								
Rationale:								
Describe Mitigations required:								





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	YES	NO	YES	NO		
Wildlife	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeremy Mears, Fish Biologist	3/22/20
Level of anticipated effect - Check one <input type="checkbox"/> no effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> effect – not adverse <input type="checkbox"/> adverse effect Rationale:						
Describe Mitigations required: None additional						
Ecological (Special Areas; Significant Ecological Features; Ecosystem Composition, Structure & Function)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gifford, Ecologist and Wildlife Biologist	3/30/20
Level of anticipated effect - Check one <input type="checkbox"/> no effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> effect – not adverse <input type="checkbox"/> adverse effect Rationale:						
Describe Mitigations required: None.						
Non-native Invasive Plants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MB Deller/ Botanist	March 25, 2020
Level of anticipated effect - Check one <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no effect <input type="checkbox"/> effect – not adverse <input type="checkbox"/> adverse effect Rationale: Wild chervil not known from site, but nearby, and project design plus mitigations should prevent problems.						
Describe Mitigations required: If wild chervil is present adjacent to the work area, avoid driving equipment through it. If equipment travels through an infestation of wild chervil to implement the project, the equipment must be cleaned on site prior to leaving the site, to prevent spread of wild chervil from this site to elsewhere. Cleaning can be accomplished on site by whatever method is feasible, e.g., portable power washing or a stiff broom to remove plant debris or mud that may contain plant debris.						
Range (FLNF)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Matt Lark, Natural Resource Specialist	04/07/20
Level of anticipated effect - Check one <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no effect <input type="checkbox"/> effect – not adverse <input type="checkbox"/> adverse effect Rationale:						
Describe Mitigations required:						





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	YES	NO	YES	NO		

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS (as applicable)	INVOLVEMENT REQUIRED		NAME/ TITLE	DATE
	YES	NO		
Timber	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	David Haberl/ Pre-Sale Forester	3/27/20
Remarks:				
Fire/Fuels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LR Silvia, Fuels Specialist	04/07/20
Remarks:				
Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brian Austin/FE	3/29/2020
Remarks:				
Accessibility/Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Donna Marks Safety&OccupHealth	3/31/2020
Remarks:				
Survey/Landline	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brian Austin/Staff Officer	3/29/2020
Remarks:				

QUESTIONS FOR PROPONENT:**NOTES:**

- When the trench is dug, before it is filled in the contractor needs to check to make sure nothing is in trench.
- Jay Strand - What is the actual length since there are two given in the proposal?
 - Jen Edmonds updated the Section 1
- Jeremy Mears - How will they trench across culverts? Unknown





Responsible Official: John Sinclair

Documentation Level and CE Category (DM, LTF): DM, E3

Who to include for scoping: Moosalamoo Association, GMP, Goshen

Forest Plan consistency: Yes

Field visit (who & when): No

Desired decision date: May 2020

Desired implementation date: June 2020

